



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON FORT BUCHANAN  
FORT BUCHANAN, PUERTO RICO 00934-3400**

SOFB-PM (190-14)

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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum No. 7 - Control of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons**

1. The use of privately owned firearms on Fort Buchanan is prohibited. Personnel are authorized to enter and leave the reservation while carrying privately owned firearms between a unit arms room or their quarters and an off-post range or other facilities, provided such firearms have been registered with the Provost Marshal Office (PMO) and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Personnel residing on post may transport privately owned firearms in vehicles, provided that the weapon is not loaded and secured in an area not within the immediate reach of the operator or passenger(s). Transportation of government owned weapons or ammunition in privately owned vehicles is prohibited.
2. Federal law enforcement officers, whom are authorized to carry weapons at all times, are authorized to carry them on the installation. All other federal, military, and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico law enforcement officers may carry firearms on the installation only in the performance of their official duties after coordination with the Provost Marshal and upon authorization of the Commander or the Provost Marshal IAW federal and local laws.
3. Personnel who maintain firearms at an off-post location will comply with Commonwealth laws regarding ownership, registration, and possession of privately owned weapons.
4. Individuals who register and store privately owned weapons on Fort Buchanan and take such weapons from the installation to a civilian jurisdiction for any purpose must comply with applicable Commonwealth laws governing ownership, registration, and possession of weapons. Questions regarding Commonwealth laws as to registration and possession of firearms should be referred to the PMO, Vehicle Registration, building 28.
5. Personnel entering the installation who have privately owned weapons and are not in the performance of their official duties, as prescribed in paragraph 2, must notify the military/ Department of Defense (DoD) police at the gates and turn their weapons to the PMO for safekeeping. Personnel turning their weapons to the PMO will be issued a receipt. The weapons will be returned to the receipt holder upon receipt of proper identification and immediate departure from the installation.

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6. Carrying of firearms in a concealed manner is prohibited and unlawful except for:
  - a. Military/DoD personnel authorized by regulations or directed by the Installation Commander to carry a concealed weapon only in performance of official duty.
  - b. Federal and civil law enforcement officers in the performance of official duties.
7. Privately owned weapons will not be taken into living spaces of any troop billets, or dayrooms at any time. Privately owned weapons will be stored in locked containers within a unit's arms room. Commanders responsible for unit arms rooms will ensure weapons are stored in accordance with Army Regulation 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives.
8. Personnel who maintain registered weapons in government quarters will ensure that their firearms are not loaded and are secured under lock and key whenever they are on leave or away from their quarters.
9. Persons under 18 years will not carry, brandish, or utilize any firearms to include air pistols, pellet pistols, BB guns or rifles on the installation.
10. Shooting or firing at live birds or animals is prohibited on Fort Buchanan.
11. Personnel adjudged/diagnosed temporarily or permanently incompetent are prohibited from retaining privately owned weapon(s) in government quarters or installation billets. Personnel adjudged/diagnosed incompetent by medical, legal or civilian authorities must turn-in their weapon(s) at the unit arm room or the PMO as dictated by the Installation Commander. This incompetency includes, but is not limited to, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, or suicide risk.
12. All military personnel and civilian employees who reside on and off the installation are required to register their weapons at the PMO, Vehicle Registration Section, building 28, prior to its introduction to the installation. The PMO Registration of Personal Firearms Form, FORSCOM/TRADOC 563-R, will be completed in duplicate with the unit commanders and civilian supervisors signing such forms for all subordinates.
13. Disposition of privately owned firearms: Privately owned firearms turned-in as contraband or given up under any amnesty program will be disposed of IAW pertinent Army regulations and DoD directives.
14. The following articles, in addition to firearms, are considered dangerous and their personal possession on the installation is prohibited:

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a. Any knife having a blade of more than 2-1/2 inches, except a hunting or fishing knife designed to be carried in an exposed manner and when borne or carried on the occasion of their use for hunting or fishing.

b. Any knife having a switchblade or automatic opener.

c. Brass knuckles or any device fitting over the hand for use in striking another person.

d. Blackjacks and saps.

e. Razors, ice picks, darts, daggers, swords, slingshots, sword canes, spears, jackknives, stilettos, or related devices or similar instruments, when carried concealed.

f. Pyrotechnics of any type for other than authorized military use.

g. Homemade percussion weapons.

h. Kung-fu sticks and other martial arts weapons except those used in conjunction with martial arts classes or an approved program of instruction.

15. This policy memorandum is directive in nature, therefore, all personnel in a supervisory role must be aware of this policy and subsequently inform all subordinates. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary actions.

16. The point of contact is the Provost Marshal Office at telephone 707-3940/3316.

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